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Current Population Survey, December 1998: Computer and Internet Use [machine-readable data file] / conducted by the Bureau of the Census for the Bureau of Labor Statistics. — Washington: Bureau of the Census [producer and distributor], 1999.

Type of File

Microdata; unit of observation is individuals within housing units.

Universe Description

The universe consists of all persons in the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States living in households. The probability sample selected to represent the universe consists of approximately 48,000 households.

Subject-Matter Description

Data are provided on labor force activity for the week prior to the survey. Comprehensive data are available on the employment status, occupation, and industry of persons 15 years old and over. Also shown are personal characteristics such as age, sex, race, marital status, veteran status, household relationship, educational background, and Hispanic origin.

The file also contains information on computer and Internet usage for persons 3 years old and over. This information includes whether there is a computer in the household, if anyone in the household uses the Internet, and whether anyone in the household uses the Internet for E-mail.

Geographic Coverage

States, regions and divisions are identified in their entirety. Within confidentiality restrictions; indicators are provided for consolidated metropolitan statistical areas (CMSA), 173 selected metropolitan statistical areas (MSA), 69 selected primary metropolitan statistical areas (PMSA), 217 counties, and 41 central cities in multi-central city metropolitan statistical areas or primary metropolitan statistical areas. Also within confidentiality restrictions, indicators are provided for metropolitan/nonmetropolitan, central city/balance metropolitan, MSA/CMSA size and MSA/PMSA size.

Technical Description

File Structure: Rectangular.

File Size: 135,977 logical records; 1,026 character logical record length.

File Sort Sequence: State rank by CMSA/MSA rank by household identification number by line number.

Reference Materials

Current Population Survey, December 1998: Computer and Internet Use Technical Documentation. Documentation contains this abstract, questionnaire facsimiles, and record layouts of the file. One copy accompanies each file order. Additional copies are available from Marketing Services Office, Customer Services Center, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233.

Bureau of the Census. *The Current Population Survey Design and Methodology* (Technical Paper 40) (out of print). Describes in detail the sample design and survey procedures used as well as accuracy of estimates and sampling errors. Reference copies should be available from most public libraries or Federal Depository Libraries.

Related Reports

Computer Usage and Ownership Data. Available on the Internet at <http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/computer.html>

File Availability

The file may be ordered from Marketing Services Office, Customer Services Center using the Customer Services [order form](#) on the following page. It is available on 9-track tape reel (ASCII or EBCDIC, labeled or unlabeled, 6250 bpi). The file can be made available on IBM 3480 compatible tape cartridge or CD-R (compact disc-recordable) in ASCII format.